

Remarks

Claims 1-24 were pending. Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 20, and 23 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 17, 18, and 24 have been cancelled. Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below. Applicants request that a Notice of Allowability be provided or that the finality of the rejections be withdrawn.

103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, and 11-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramraj (US Pub 2002/0174174) in view of Dasgupta, "A Probe-Based Monitoring Scheme for an Object-Oriented, Distributed Operating System." Claims 3, 10, and 24 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ramraj in view of Lahr, while claims 7 and 23 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ramraj in view of Vaitheeswaran. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The amended independent claims include recitations to displaying variable values and argument values of a selected method that has been extracted, receiving user input specifying new argument value, causing re-execution of the method with the new argument value, and displaying the resulting variable and argument values. Support for these recitations is provided throughout the specification and particularly, paragraph 0015.

These recitations are not disclosed in Ramraj, as Ramraj is focused exclusively on the ability to monitor transactions and does not address how to alter values and re-execute to see resulting values. None of the cited references account for this deficiency of Ramraj. Accordingly, the independent claims are allowable over the cited combinations of references for at least these reasons. Dependent claims are allowable at least because they depend from allowable base claims.

Conclusion

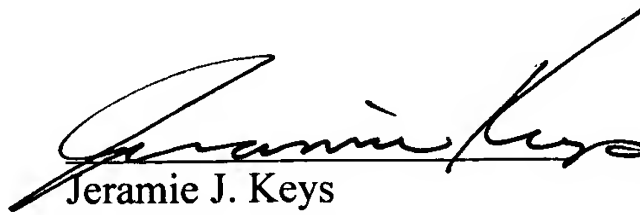
Applicants assert that the application including claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-16, and 19-23 are in condition for allowance after final. Applicants request reconsideration in view

of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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